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In re patent application of:) Before the Examiner:
James T. Caudle) Madeline Gonzalez
Serial No.: 10/627,217) Group Art Unit: 2859
Filed: July 25, 2003)
MEASURING INSTRUMENT) March 7, 2005

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant's attorney requests that the date for responding to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004 be extended two months from January 5, 2005 to and including March 7, 2005. The statutory fee of \$225.00 (small entity) for this request is enclosed herewith. The Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any deficiency or apply any overpayment credit to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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In re Application of	James T. Caudle
Application Number	10/627,217
For MEASURING INSTRUMENT	
Art Unit	2859
Examiner	Gonzalez

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